## MINUTES OF THE HOLLYWOOD PARK DEER COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2017

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a Special session on October 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Opening Meeting Laws. Committee Chair LuAnn Montgomery called the meeting to order. Committee Members present were LuAnn Montgomery, Carol Ingham, Reid Loehman, Tonya Cummings, Nancy Swan, Barbara Schmitz, Michael Crevoisier, Doug Brown, Ricky Smith and Debbie Trueman.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Review, discuss and take possible action on 2nd Fall Deer Survey. Chair LuAnn Montgomery reported that she called the Special Meeting after considering possible negative consequences of conducting a 3rd deer survey, based on two factors. (1) The Committee has conducted surveys for at least seven or eight years, and has been very consistent in conducting one in the spring and one in the fall at specific times. The process has been honed down taking into account the rut, pregnancy, fawns losing spots and being mistaken for does, time change, etc. Consistency is an extremely important factor when it comes to validation and trends. The 3rd count was suggested primarily as a way to monitor coyote activity. Montgomery was concerned about the affect of a third count on consistency and trends. (2) Police Chief Prichard expressed safety concerns about the timing of the proposed count during peak traffic. Montgomery played a recording that the Chief left for her regarding this. Committee Member Doug Brown explained that he had suggested the count based on the Project Manager's report that the coyotes would probably take a deer a week, and that if the number was even lower than the fall count, HP may not need to move any or as many deer. After Committee discussion, there was consensus that the 3rd count was not necessary. Debbie Trueman made a motion to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Deer Survey and Nancy Swan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT Chair LuAnn Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

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